



TOWN OF UXBRIDGE
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WATER DIVISION

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STATE OF WATER SUPPLY CONSERVATION (EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2016 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2016)

Annually, the Board of Selectmen/Water and Sewer Commissioners declare a state of water supply conservation in accordance with the Town of Uxbridge General Bylaws Section 336, Water Conservation and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Water Management Act (WMA). The WMA permit requires the Town to impose seasonal limits on nonessential outdoor water use. The Town limits nonessential outdoor water use through mandatory restrictions beginning on May 1st and running until September 30th outside the hours of 9 am to 5 pm.

WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

Nonessential outdoor water uses that ARE subject to mandatory restrictions include:

- Irrigation of lawns via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems;
- Washing of vehicles, except in a commercial car wash or as necessary for operator safety; and
- Washing of exterior buildings surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks, except as necessary to apply surface treatments such as paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement or cement.

The following ARE allowed when mandatory restrictions are in place:

- Irrigation to establish a new lawn and new plantings during the months of May and September;
- Irrigation of public parks and recreational fields by means of automatic sprinklers outside the hours of 9 am to 5 pm; and
- Irrigation of lawns, gardens, flowers and ornamental plants by means of a hand-held hose.

Violators are subject to the following fines and penalties:

- First offence - **\$50.00** fine
- Subsequent offences - **\$100.00** fine (Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense)
- Repeat offences are subject to termination of service until compliant, and a **\$30.00*** fee for restoration of service. *Subject to overtime rates when outside normal business hours

Please use the following tips to reduce water usage:

- Water outside plants only when needed.
- Lawns are healthier when kept longer (2 1/2 - 3 inches tall) and watered thoroughly twice a week.
- Wash vehicles at car wash (they recycle water).
- Restaurants should only serve water upon request.
- If you have any questions, please contact the DPW Office at 508-278-8616.